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Lee County...

SR 118 Detour for Bridge Construction Delayed

SMITHVILLE, Ga. – A detour scheduled to begin today for construction of a new bridge on state Route 118 over the Muckaloochee Creek has been postponed one month to accommodate concerns about the detour's impact on local agricultural interests.

The detour is now set for Dec. 1. The detour route utilizing state roads takes U.S. 19/SR 3 north to U.S. 280/SR 27 in Americus and follows U.S. 280/SR 30 southeast to Leslie. The length of the detour is about 26 miles. However, residents have the option of using local roads to shorten the detour. Off-site detours are used to expedite construction.

The bridge is just east of Smithville and was built in 1951. It will be replaced by a bridge that will have wider travel lanes and shoulders. Southern Concrete Construction Co. Inc. was awarded the project in July with a bid of \$1.96 million. The project will begin on SR 118 east of Robertson Street and end at the Smithville city limits.

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